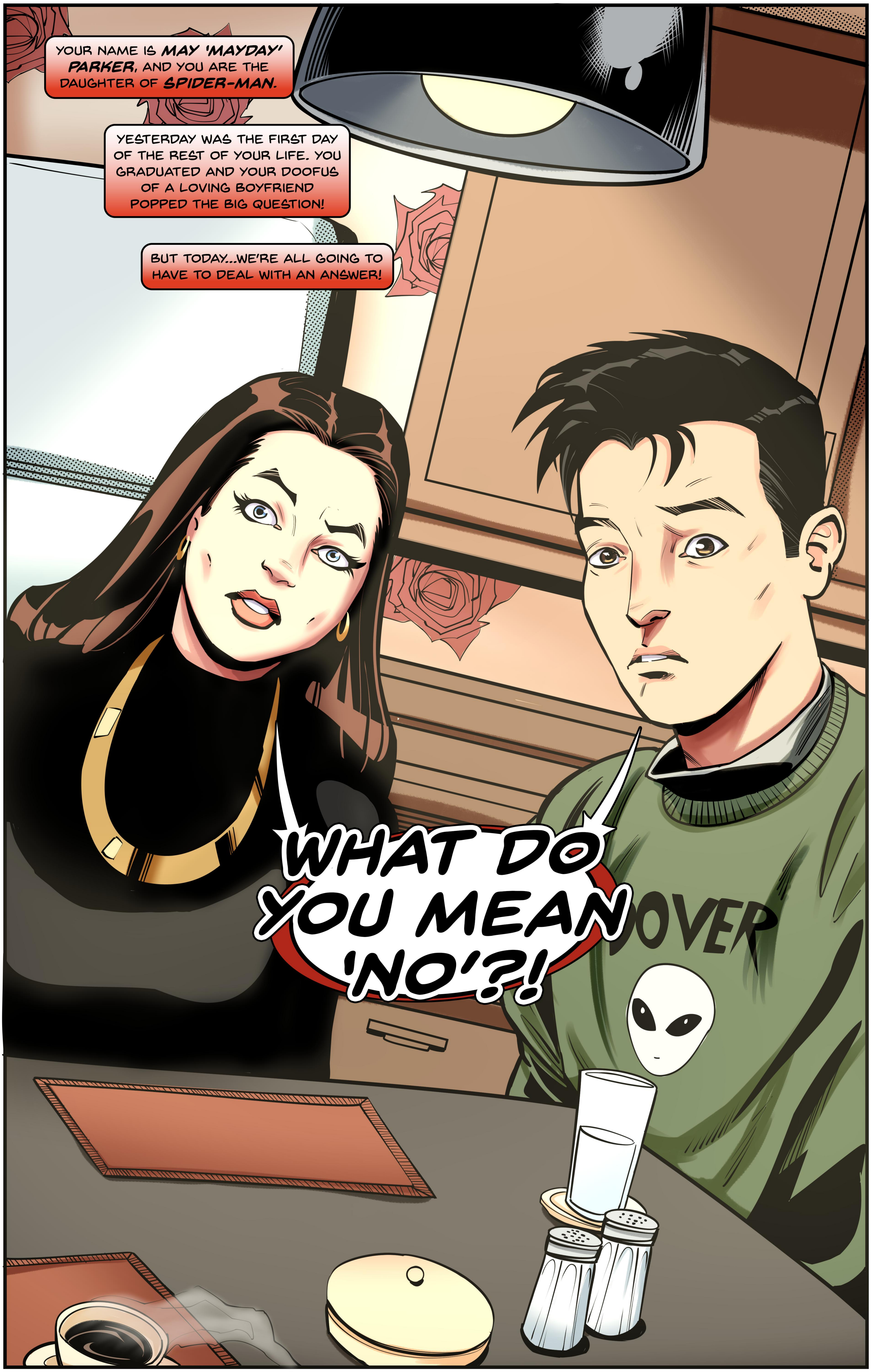
THE STORY SO FAR...

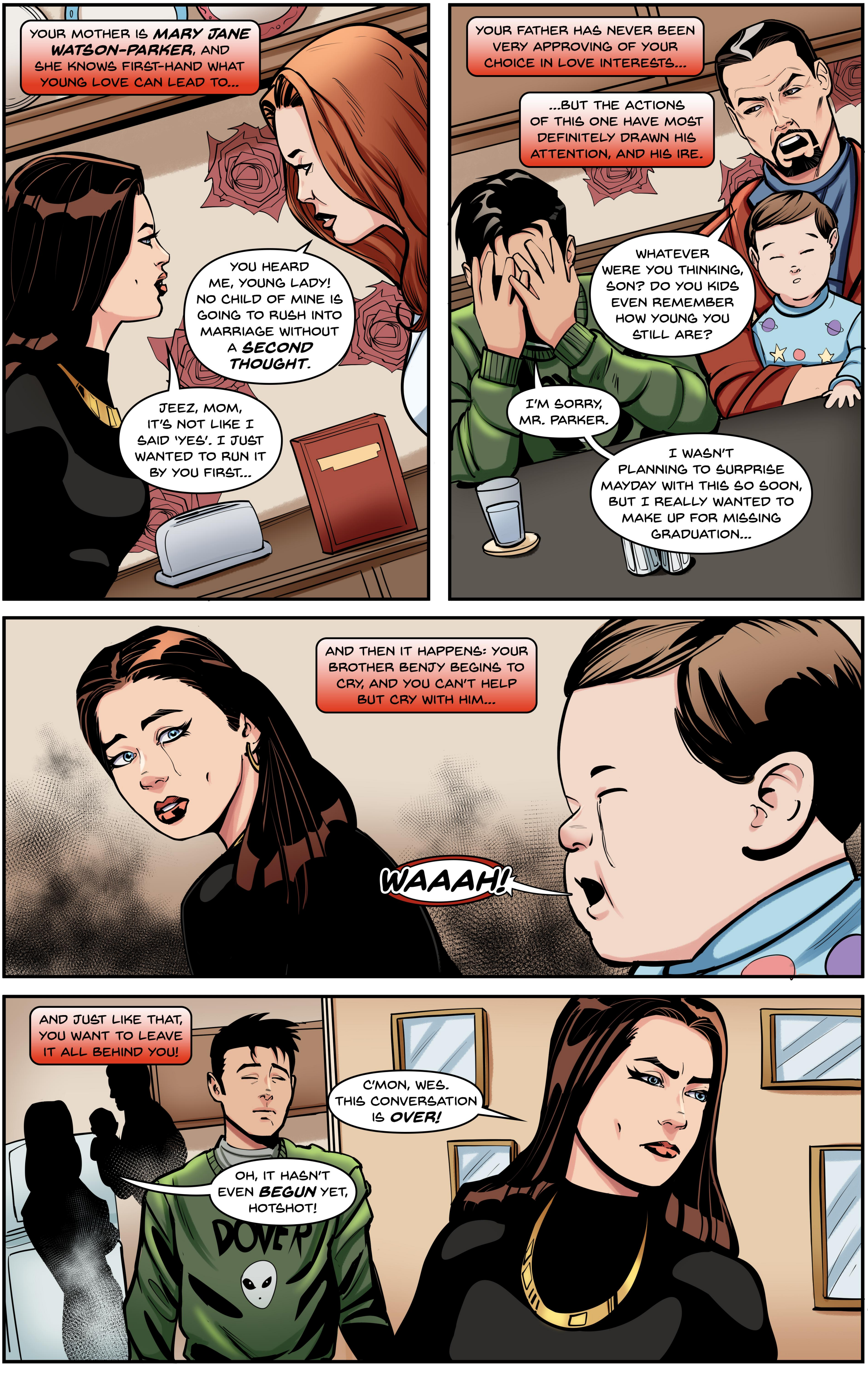
MAYDAY PARKER and her friends, fresh off of graduating high school early, choose to celebrate their big achivement at the **CAT'S EYES** Nightclub run by **FELICIA HARDY**. Felicia's plans to use the event to announce her reconciliation with her husband **FLASH THOMPSON**, however, are disrupted by an attack from Mayday's old nemesis **THE HOBGOBLIN** that leaves Flash in a coma.

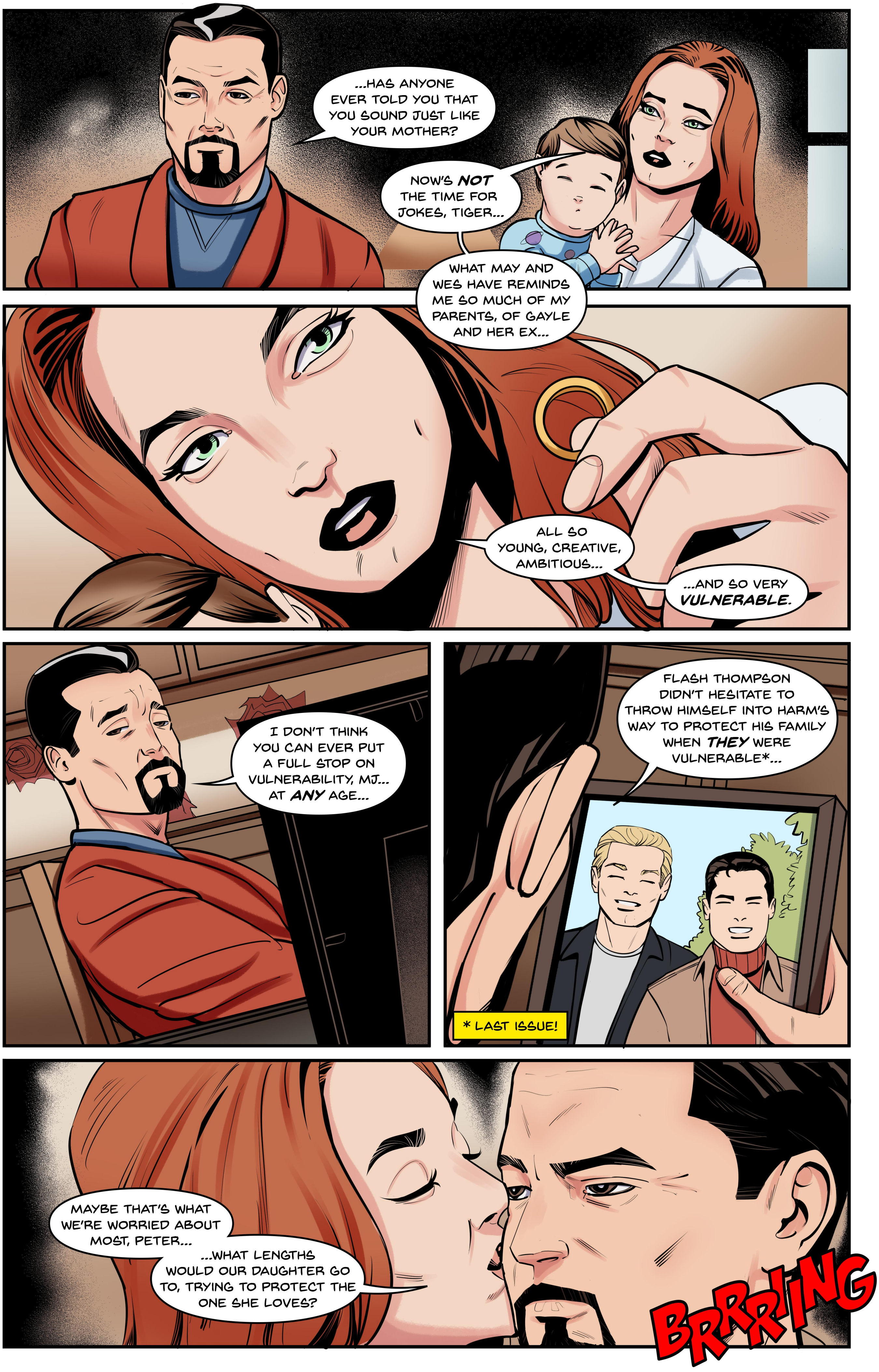
Upon defeating her foe as **SPIDER-GIRL**, Mayday returns home with her beloved boyfriend **WES WESTIN**, who surprises her with a proposal of marriage!

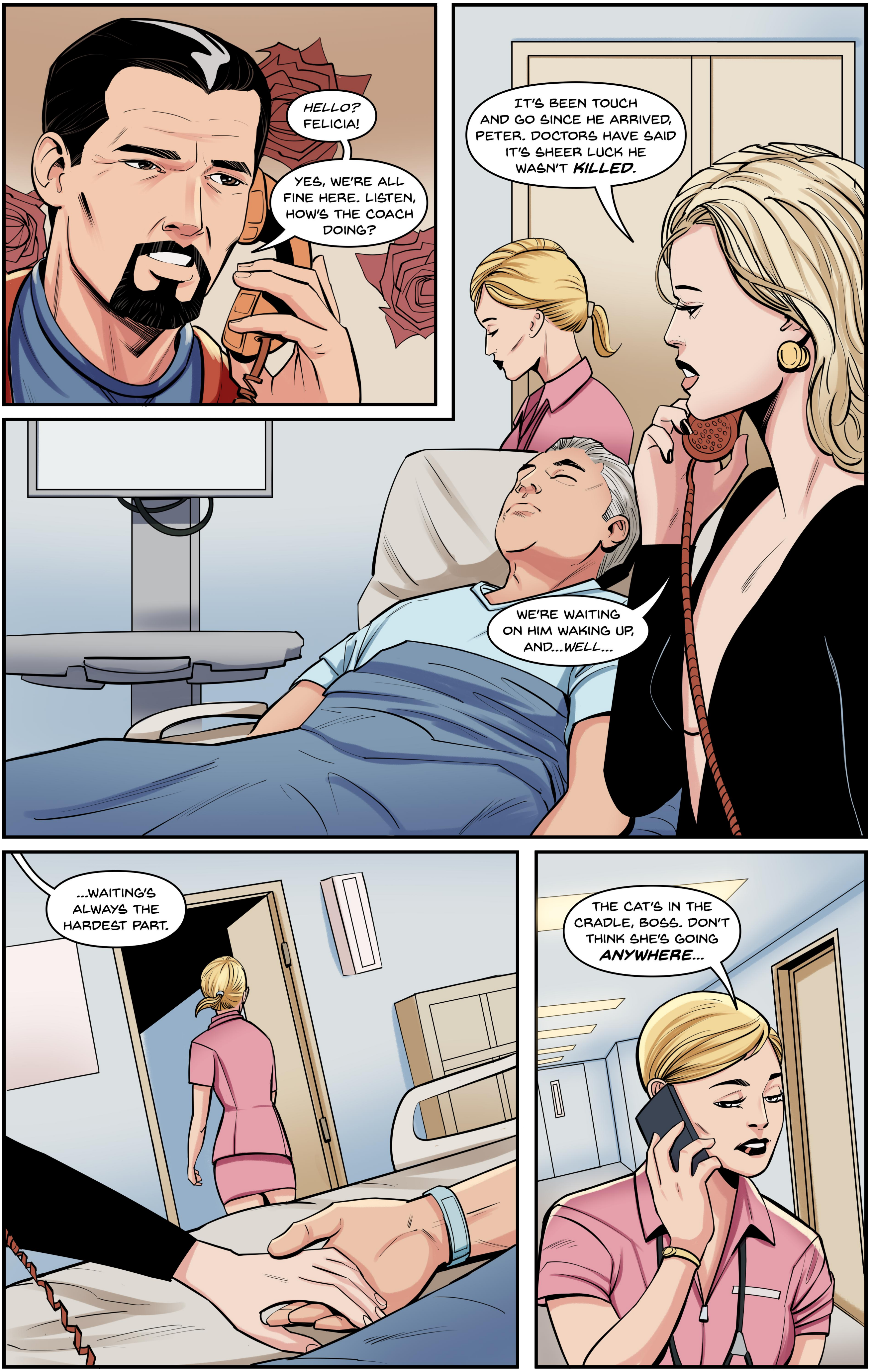
Unbeknowst to Mayday, the Hobgoblin was in fact a **CLONE**, and a pawn in the latest scheme of a foe long thought dead...**THE JACKAL!**

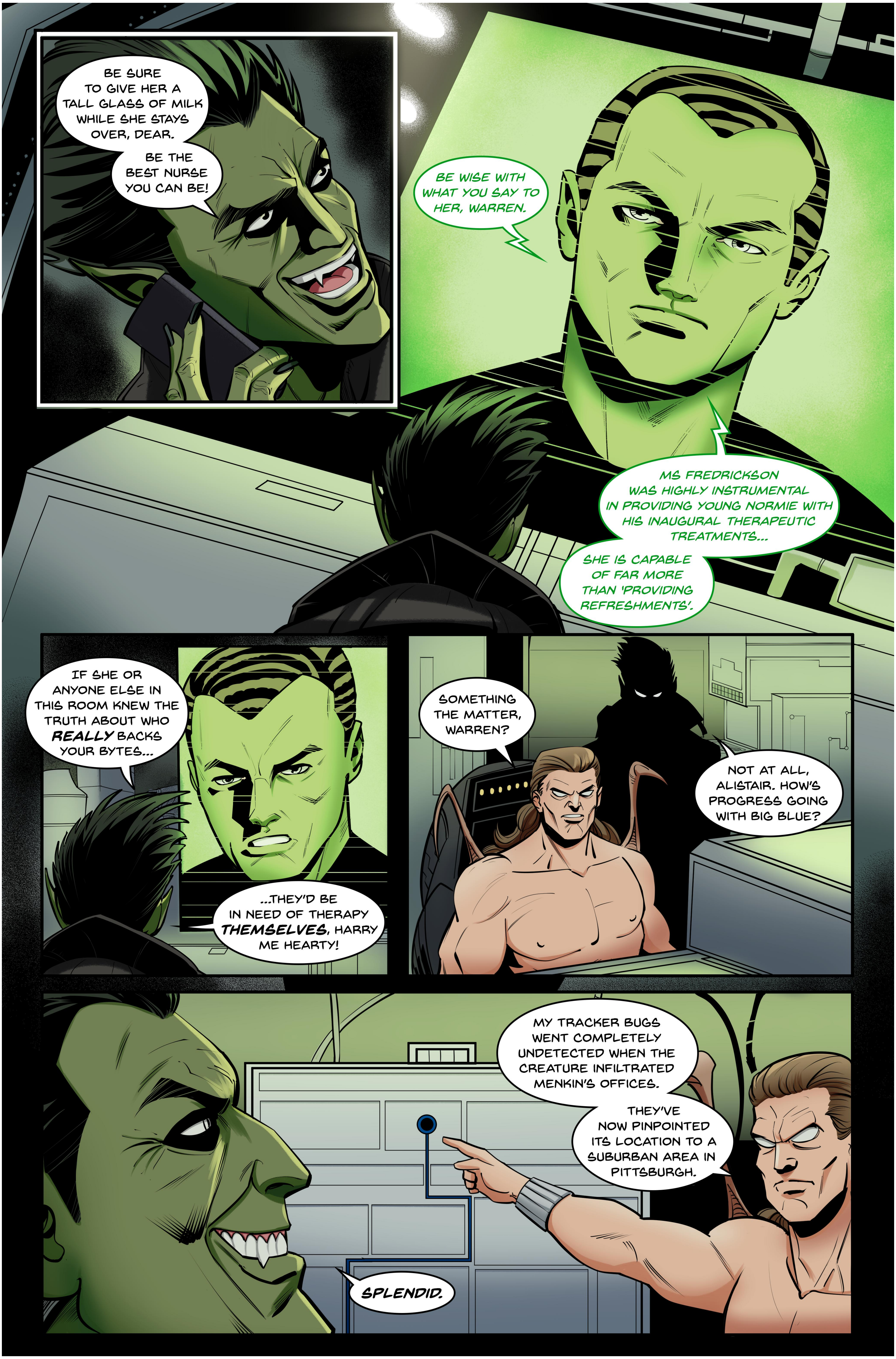
As a brand new day dawns, much remains uncertain, and the first response may be the most damaging as Mayday's parents **PETER AND MARY JANE PARKER**, give their reaction to the prospect of their daughter becoming **MRS. WESTIN-PARKER...**

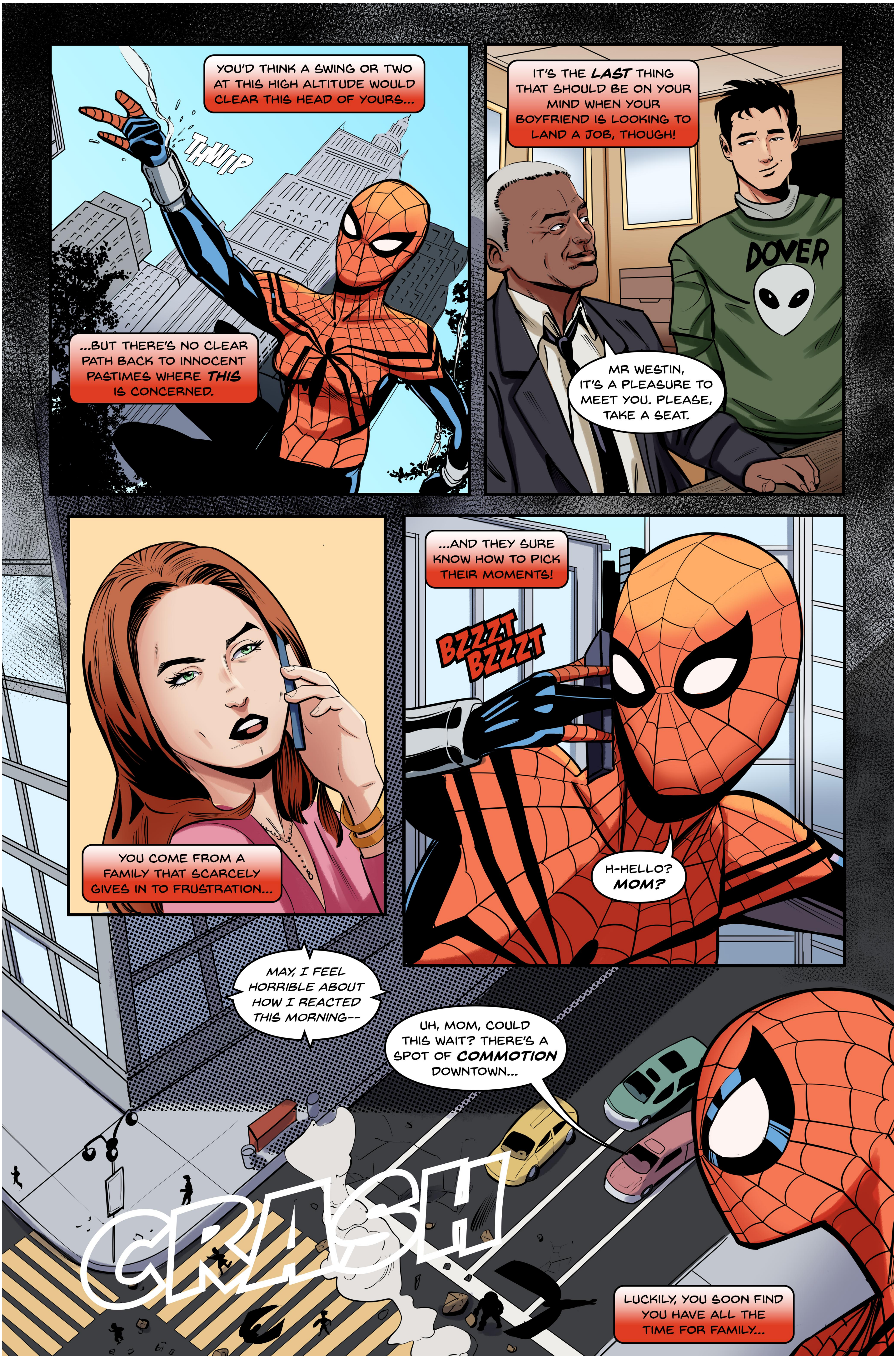

YOUR NAME IS **MAY 'MAYDAY' PARKER**, AND YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF **SPIDER-MAN.**
YESTERDAY WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. YOU GRADUATED AND YOUR DOOFUS OF A LOVING BOYFRIEND POPPED THE BIG QUESTION!
BUT TODAY...WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH AN ANSWER!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'NO'?!
OVER

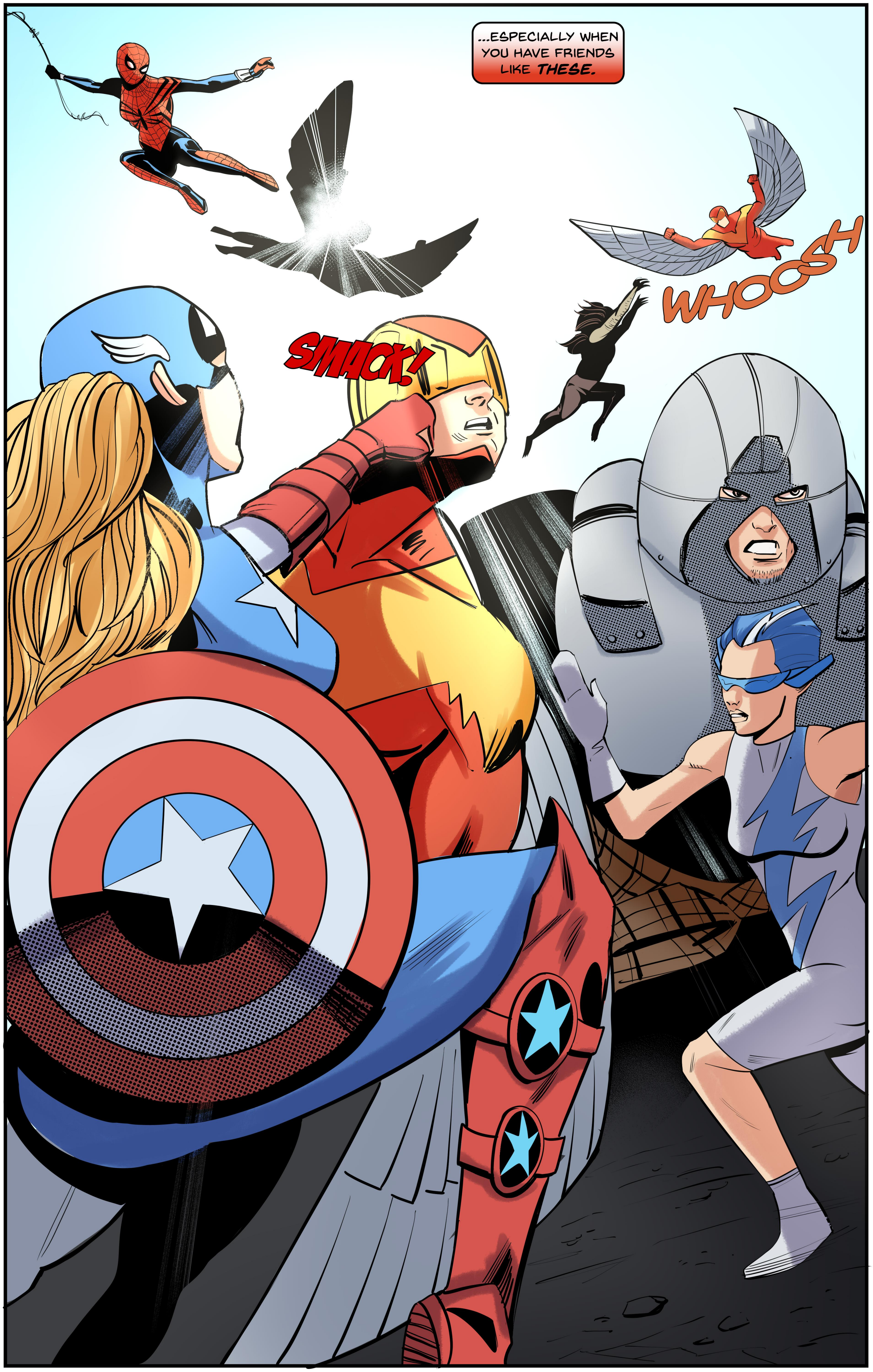

YOUR MOTHER IS ***MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER***, AND SHE KNOWS FIRST-HAND WHAT YOUNG LOVE CAN LEAD TO...
YOU HEARD ME, YOUNG LADY! NO CHILD OF MINE IS GOING TO RUSH INTO MARRIAGE WITHOUT A ***SECOND THOUGHT***.
JEEZ, MOM, IT'S NOT LIKE I SAID 'YES'. I JUST WANTED TO RUN IT BY YOU FIRST...
YOUR FATHER HAS NEVER BEEN VERY APPROVING OF YOUR CHOICE IN LOVE INTERESTS...
...BUT THE ACTIONS OF THIS ONE HAVE MOST DEFINITELY DRAWN HIS ATTENTION, AND HIS IRE.
WHATEVER WERE YOU THINKING, SON? DO YOU KIDS EVEN REMEMBER HOW YOUNG YOU STILL ARE?
I'M SORRY, MR. PARKER.
I WASN'T PLANNING TO SURPRISE MAYDAY WITH THIS SO SOON, BUT I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE UP FOR MISSING GRADUATION...
AND THEN IT HAPPENS: YOUR BROTHER BENJY BEGINS TO CRY, AND YOU CAN'T HELP BUT CRY WITH HIM...
WAAAH!
AND JUST LIKE THAT, YOU WANT TO LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND YOU!
C'MON, WES. THIS CONVERSATION IS ***OVER!***
OH, IT HASN'T EVEN ***BEGUN*** YET, HOTSHOT!
DOVER

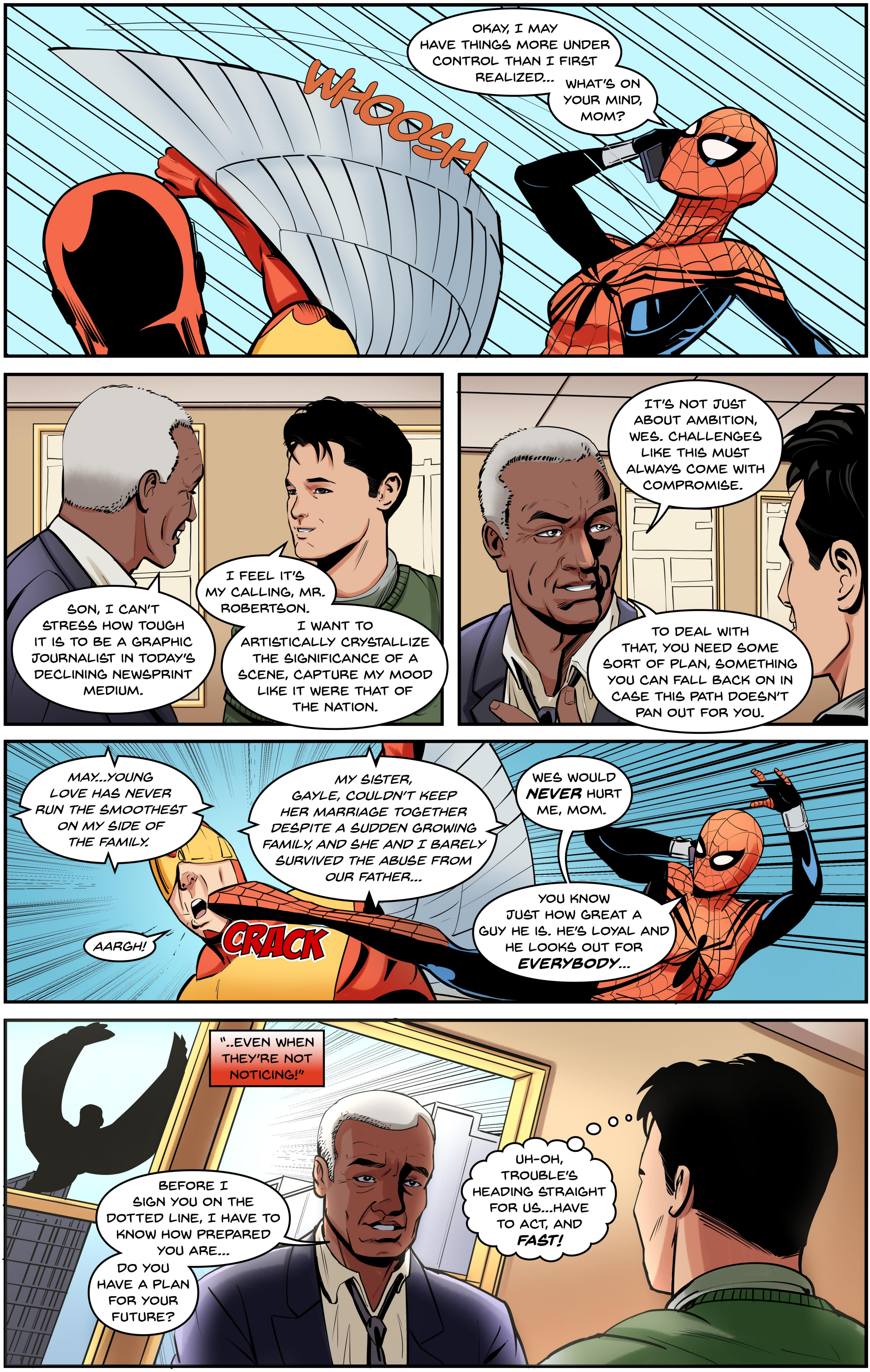

...HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU SOUND JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER?
NOW'S ***NOT*** THE TIME FOR JOKES, TIGER...
WHAT MAY AND WES HAVE REMINDS ME SO MUCH OF MY PARENTS, OF GAYLE AND HER EX...
ALL SO YOUNG, CREATIVE, AMBITIOUS...
...AND SO VERY ***VULNERABLE***.
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN EVER PUT A FULL STOP ON VULNERABILITY, MJ... AT ***ANY*** AGE...
FLASH THOMPSON DIDN'T HESITATE TO THROW HIMSELF INTO HARM'S WAY TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY WHEN ***THEY*** WERE VULNERABLE*...
* LAST ISSUE!
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT MOST, PETER...
...WHAT LENGTHS WOULD OUR DAUGHTER GO TO, TRYING TO PROTECT THE ONE SHE LOVES?
BRRRING


HELLO? FELICIA!
YES, WE'RE ALL FINE HERE. LISTEN, HOW'S THE COACH DOING?
IT'S BEEN TOUCH AND GO SINCE HE ARRIVED, PETER. DOCTORS HAVE SAID IT'S SHEER LUCK HE WASN'T ***KILLED.***
WE'RE WAITING ON HIM WAKING UP, AND...*WELL...*
...WAITING'S ALWAYS THE HARDEST PART.
THE CAT'S IN THE CRADLE, BOSS. DON'T THINK SHE'S GOING ***ANYWHERE...***


BE SURE TO GIVE HER A TALL GLASS OF MILK WHILE SHE STAYS OVER, DEAR.
BE THE BEST NURSE YOU CAN BE!
BE WISE WITH WHAT YOU SAY TO HER, WARREN.
MS FREDRICKSON WAS HIGHLY INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING YOUNG NORMIE WITH HIS INAUGURAL THERAPEUTIC TREATMENTS...
SHE IS CAPABLE OF FAR MORE THAN 'PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS'.
IF SHE OR ANYONE ELSE IN THIS ROOM KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT WHO **REALLY** BACKS YOUR BYTES...
...THEY'D BE IN NEED OF THERAPY ***THEMSELVES***, HARRY ME HEARTY!
SOMETHING THE MATTER, WARREN?
NOT AT ALL, ALISTAIR. HOW'S PROGRESS GOING WITH BIG BLUE?
MY TRACKER BUGS WENT COMPLETELY UNDETECTED WHEN THE CREATURE INFILTRATED MENKIN'S OFFICES.
THEY'VE NOW PINPOINTED ITS LOCATION TO A SUBURBAN AREA IN PITTSBURGH.
SPLENDID.


YOU'D THINK A SWING OR TWO AT THIS HIGH ALTITUDE WOULD CLEAR THIS HEAD OF YOURS...
THWIP
...BUT THERE'S NO CLEAR PATH BACK TO INNOCENT PASTIMES WHERE ***THIS*** IS CONCERNED.
IT'S THE ***LAST*** THING THAT SHOULD BE ON YOUR MIND WHEN YOUR BOYFRIEND IS LOOKING TO LAND A JOB, THOUGH!
DOVER
MR WESTIN, IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. PLEASE, TAKE A SEAT.
YOU COME FROM A FAMILY THAT SCARCELY GIVES IN TO FRUSTRATION...
...AND THEY SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK THEIR MOMENTS!
BZZZT BZZZT
H-HELLO? ***MOM?***
MAY, I FEEL HORRIBLE ABOUT HOW I REACTED THIS MORNING--
UH, MOM, COULD THIS WAIT? THERE'S A SPOT OF ***COMMOTION*** DOWNTOWN...
CRASH
LUCKILY, YOU SOON FIND YOU HAVE ALL THE TIME FOR FAMILY...


...ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE FRIENDS LIKE *THESE.*
SMACK!
WHOOSH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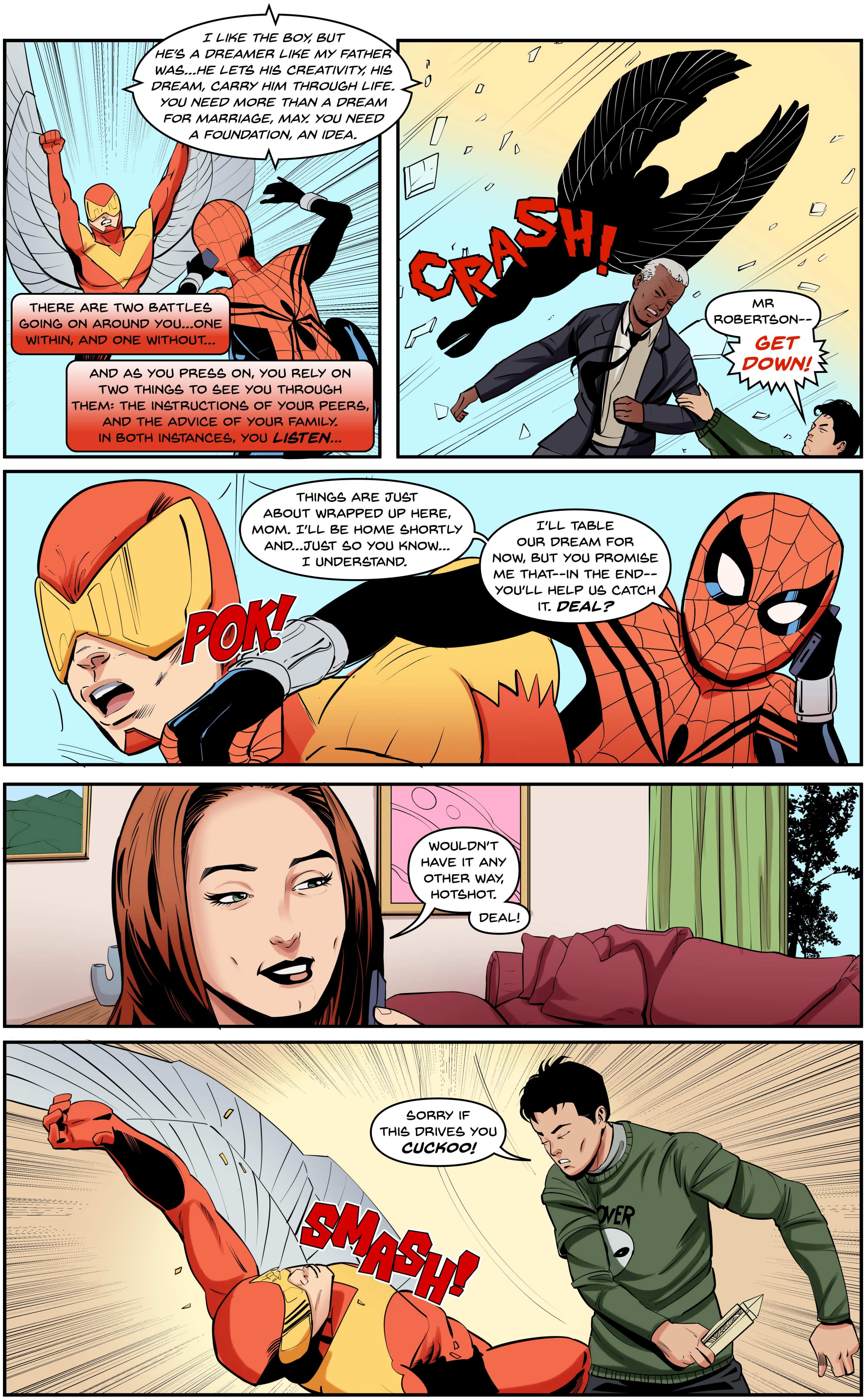
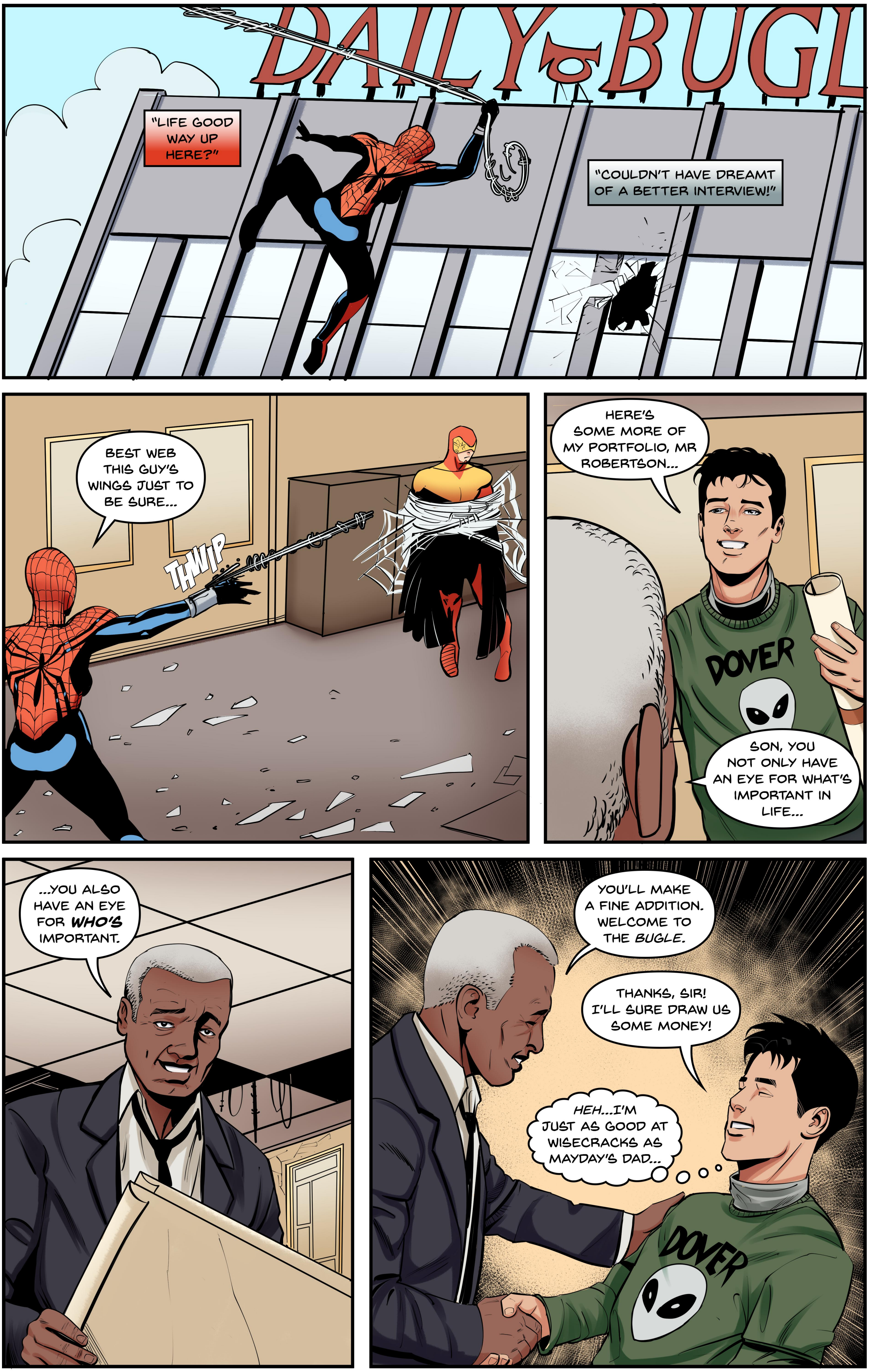
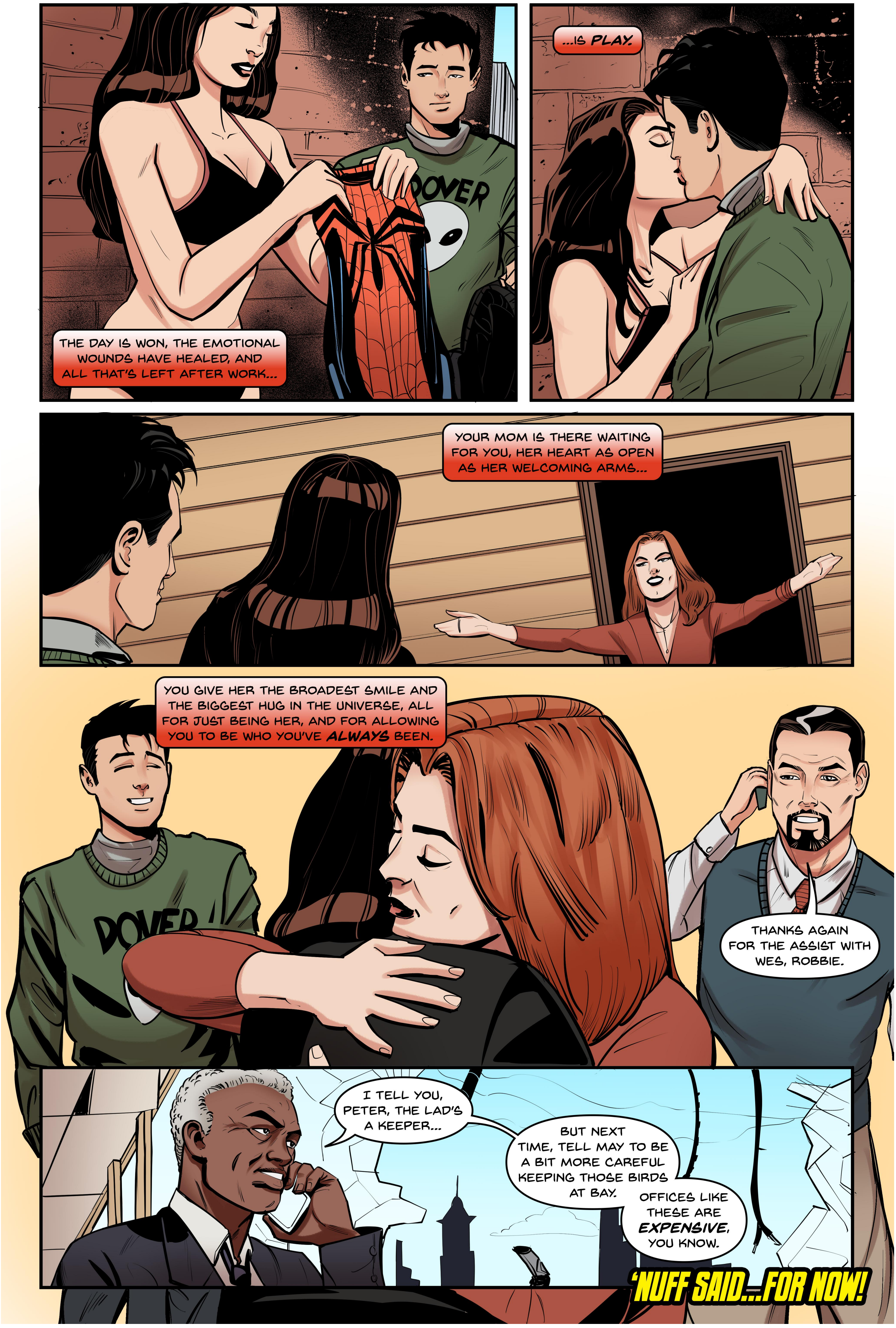
OKAY, I MAY HAVE THINGS MORE UNDER CONTROL THAN I FIRST REALIZED...
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, MOM?
SON, I CAN'T STRESS HOW TOUGH IT IS TO BE A GRAPHIC JOURNALIST IN TODAY'S DECLINING NEWSPRINT MEDIUM.
I FEEL IT'S MY CALLING, MR. ROBERTSON.
I WANT TO ARTISTICALLY CRYSTALLIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A SCENE, CAPTURE MY MOOD LIKE IT WERE THAT OF THE NATION.
IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT AMBITION, WES. CHALLENGES LIKE THIS MUST ALWAYS COME WITH COMPROMISE.
TO DEAL WITH THAT, YOU NEED SOME SORT OF PLAN, SOMETHING YOU CAN FALL BACK ON IN CASE THIS PATH DOESN'T PAN OUT FOR YOU.
MAY...YOUNG LOVE HAS NEVER RUN THE SMOOTHEST ON MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY.
MY SISTER, GAYLE, COULDN'T KEEP HER MARRIAGE TOGETHER DESPITE A SUDDEN GROWING FAMILY, AND SHE AND I BARELY SURVIVED THE ABUSE FROM OUR FATHER...
WES WOULD **NEVER** HURT ME, MOM.
AARGH!
CRACK
YOU KNOW JUST HOW GREAT A GUY HE IS. HE'S LOYAL AND HE LOOKS OUT FOR ***EVERYBODY...***
"..EVEN WHEN THEY'RE NOT NOTICING!"
BEFORE I SIGN YOU ON THE DOTTED LINE, I HAVE TO KNOW HOW PREPARED YOU ARE...
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE?
UH-OH, TROUBLE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR US...HAVE TO ACT, AND ***FAST!***


I LIKE THE BOY, BUT HE'S A DREAMER LIKE MY FATHER WAS...HE LETS HIS CREATIVITY, HIS DREAM, CARRY HIM THROUGH LIFE. YOU NEED MORE THAN A DREAM FOR MARRIAGE, MAY. YOU NEED A FOUNDATION, AN IDEA.
THERE ARE TWO BATTLES GOING ON AROUND YOU...ONE WITHIN, AND ONE WITHOUT...
AND AS YOU PRESS ON, YOU RELY ON TWO THINGS TO SEE YOU THROUGH THEM: THE INSTRUCTIONS OF YOUR PEERS, AND THE ADVICE OF YOUR FAMILY. IN BOTH INSTANCES, YOU *LISTEN...*
CRASH!
MR ROBERTSON-- GET DOWN!
THINGS ARE JUST ABOUT WRAPPED UP HERE, MOM. I'LL BE HOME SHORTLY AND...JUST SO YOU KNOW... I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL TABLE OUR DREAM FOR NOW, BUT YOU PROMISE ME THAT--IN THE END--YOU'LL HELP US CATCH IT. *DEAL?*
POK!
WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY, HOTSHOT.
DEAL!
SORRY IF THIS DRIVES YOU *CUCKOO!*
SMASH!
OVER


DAILY BUGL
"LIFE GOOD WAY UP HERE?"
"COULDN'T HAVE DREAMT OF A BETTER INTERVIEW!"
BEST WEB THIS GUY'S WINGS JUST TO BE SURE...
THWIP
HERE'S SOME MORE OF MY PORTFOLIO, MR ROBERTSON...
DOVER
SON, YOU NOT ONLY HAVE AN EYE FOR WHAT'S IMPORTANT IN LIFE...
...YOU ALSO HAVE AN EYE FOR ***WHO'S*** IMPORTANT.
YOU'LL MAKE A FINE ADDITION. WELCOME TO THE *BUGLE.*
THANKS, SIR! I'LL SURE DRAW US SOME MONEY!
HEH...I'M JUST AS GOOD AT WISECRACKS AS MAYDAY'S DAD...
DOVER


THE DAY IS WON, THE EMOTIONAL WOUNDS HAVE HEALED, AND ALL THAT'S LEFT AFTER WORK...
DOVER
...IS PLAY.
YOUR MOM IS THERE WAITING FOR YOU, HER HEART AS OPEN AS HER WELCOMING ARMS...
YOU GIVE HER THE BROADEST SMILE AND THE BIGGEST HUG IN THE UNIVERSE, ALL FOR JUST BEING HER, AND FOR ALLOWING YOU TO BE WHO YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN.
DOVER
THANKS AGAIN FOR THE ASSIST WITH WES, ROBBIE.
I TELL YOU, PETER, THE LAD'S A KEEPER...
BUT NEXT TIME, TELL MAY TO BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL KEEPING THOSE BIRDS AT BAY.
OFFICES LIKE THESE ARE EXPENSIVE, YOU KNOW.
'NUFF SAID...FOR NOW!

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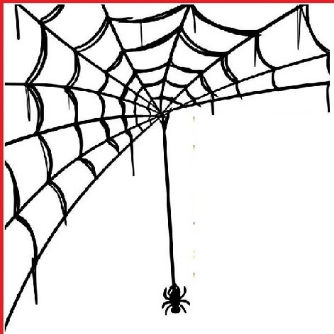

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Here's what YOU'VE been saying about our pilot issue...

"YOU are all the REAL MVPs"

-**TRISHBOT**

"Beautiful Work"

-DK-OMNIOUSARTIST

"My Final Thought of the Day is this is LIT"

-**Dr_DOOFENSHMIRTZ**

"OMG! I KNEW April was still alive! NGL, the segment with Mayhem was my favourite part of the comic!

- **MARIOWARRIOR18**

We're glad you enjoyed the issue, I debated whether or not to have April's introduction occur in the midst of the story or serve as the cliffhanger, but I figured it was Mayday's book so she and Wes warranted having the floor. -ZARIUS

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